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TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: GATT-IMF RELATIONSHIP

1. GATT SECRETARIAT (PATTERSON) HAS ASKED IF WE COULD INFORM HIM STATUS OF DRAFT IMF STAFF PAPER SPELLING OUT NEW PROCEDURES CONCERNING IMF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' CONSIDERATION OF B/P MOTIVATED TRADE MEASURES. THIS PAPER APPARENTLY PREPARED IN SEPTEMBER AND WAS TO BE CONSIDERED AT SOME POINT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS BUT GATT SECRETARIAT HAS NOT RECEIVED RECENT WORD AS TO HOW IT STANDS.

FROM VIEWPOINT GATT SECRETARIAT KEY CONSIDERATIONS ARE

(1) THAT GATT BE FULLY AND IMMEDIATELY INFORMED WHEN SUCH ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED BY IMF AND THAT THERE BE ADEQUATE CONSULTATIONS PERMITTING GATT EXPRESS ITS VIEWS AND

(2) THAT GATT DG OR HIS REP BE INVITED PARTICIPATE WHEN SUCH MATTERS DISCUSSED BY IMF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. GATT SECRETARIAT ALSO CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE

COORDINATION BETWEEN GATT AND IMF STAFFS WHEN IMF STAFF PREPARES REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON B.O.P. MOTIVATED TRADE MEASURES FOR CONSIDERATION BY

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IMF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

2. PATTERSON NOTED SUBJECT IS CLOSELY RELATED TO PROPOSED GATT MANAGEMENT GROUP SINCE MEETINGS OF THIS GROUP WOULD HELP PREPARE GATT DG FOR DISCUSSION THESE ISSUES IN IMF. AS PEEVIOUSLY REPORTED, EFFORTS TO CREATE THIS GROUP ARE DEADLOCKED AS A RESULT LDC DEMANDS FOR REPRESENTATION WHICH, IF ACCEPTED, WOULD RESULT IN EXCESSIVELY LARGE GROUP AND ONE THAT WOULD BE IMBALANCED BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. GATT SECRETARIAT BELIEVES BEST OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK DEADLOCK IS TO DISCUSS MATTER PRIVATELY WITH RESPONSIBLE LDC REPS WHEN THEY HERE FOR NEXT MEETING OF TNC. (SECRETARIAT WILL ALSO TRY TO PUSH MATTER IN CORRIDORS DURING FORTHCOMING MEETING OF GATT CP'S BUT DOUBT THAT MANY KEY LDC REPS WILL BE PRESENT).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE INFO PERMITTING US ANSWER PATTERSON INQUIRY PARA 1. MISSION WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE COPY LATEST VERSION IMF STAFF PAPER.
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